Pilot Sector Programme for drinking water

*150. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many districts in Kerala have been selected by Government to implement the Pilot Sector Reforms Programme on drinking water;

(b) whether these districts have achieved the required progress as stipulated by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to include more districts of Kerala into the Programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Government of India has a sanctioned Sector Reform Pilot Projects for implementation in two districts of Kerala as per the request of Government of Kerala. The two districts are Kollam and Kasaragod. These are Process Projects with the objective of institutionalising community participation in Rural Water Supply activities. Even though implementation of such Process Projects are likely to be slow, the progress of implementation of the above two projects is below the desired level. The details of the projects are as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)

S.No.	SR Pilot Project District	Provisional Sanctioned	Government of India share	Amount Released	Expenditure Reported
1.	Kasaragod	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00	35.95
2.	Kollam	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00	8.50

(d) and (e) No Sector Reform proposal, for inclusion of more districts of Kerala is under consideration.